

her mother, who had heard nothing from her for years, of the trouble and loss wrought. Here is an extract from her letter: "Oh, mamma, thank God for the Army; they have been so kind to me, and I am converted really and truly to God. I had so contented myself with my new life. I just went to the white God tells me, I have got it of my tongue. I am learning to be meek and God is hardening my tongue to be strong. I intend God to use me as an instrument. His love and a two-penny hat will make me just as well as a ten-shilling one. I don't dream of anything as I see. You need to have a child in heart about my sins, but I am a Christian now ten times better than all the devil's thrives." In this letter she speaks with her mother to seven months of her two younger sisters and proved them from falling as she had done. She has since been published as a soldier, and her children (for she is now in service) none who are really well saved and none given up to God. Not a day has passed but she has been heartily saved, and she is doing her best to win the heart of her old mother, and she is back to the path of virtue.

"For," says she, "poor girl, I helped to drag them down in sin, and now the least I can do is to help lift them up."

Yes, God has done a real work for and in Ery. You would hardly believe that happy face is the one that used to look up forbidding as a self-willed. And just as great is the change in her very voice, loud, dominating and disagreeable, now mild, gentle, and affectionate. What God has done for Ery. He can do for hundreds more who are as she was, sunk in sin, all that we need is holy women, fully given up to God, who will come to the rescue. Can you come? Nay, could you not so come? Truly the harvest is great and the laborers few. This is the story of one poor creature who has been more than helped by us during the past few months. Alas, the sixty might have been six hundred if every saved woman had done her share towards winning the lost. Have you done? On this Christmas season initiate the Christ whose birth we celebrate by following in His footsteps. Make His name and your name known to the world to seek and to save the lost."

As sometimes you see a special or gifted of a woman, that he will help into the right path, and by the time he comes there, it is meek, and the gate nothing but a mouthful of water for his pains, so requests catch at their desire, pleased to rescue them, and yet often miss what they passed for in this world.

MRS. COOMBS AND THE RESCUE WORK

THE FACTS look out from our pages to-day which will, we are sure, be hailed with delight by thousands of our readers all through the Dominion, and bringing with it is the fact that the Christmas greeting of our Commissioner and his wife to their comrades everywhere will receive a double welcome.

For, with the first months of her journey in the Dominion Mrs. Coombs has

been almost entirely behind the scenes, yet through by weakness, and constant suffering she has been kept from the front her work has been none the less constant and none the less real. Hundreds of our readers, here and there carry with them the remembrance of precious lessons received from her lips of peace, and as the stars by and may which the Commissioner has had to fall back upon in every perplexity and doubt, her influence can be traced in every line and department of the work among us.

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the spirit of love and mercy, and who all hearts seem drawn closer by reason of the domestic nature of the work we commemorate—when in a word we more particularly contemplate the Mother and the Child, we feel sure it requires no special pleading to bring to the minds of our readers the claims of these very special

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Scram with your Correspondents

Germany reports eight ships and one crew.

Two Kaffir stations lately South Africa.

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Outposts, South Africa, reports one for three weeks.

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